

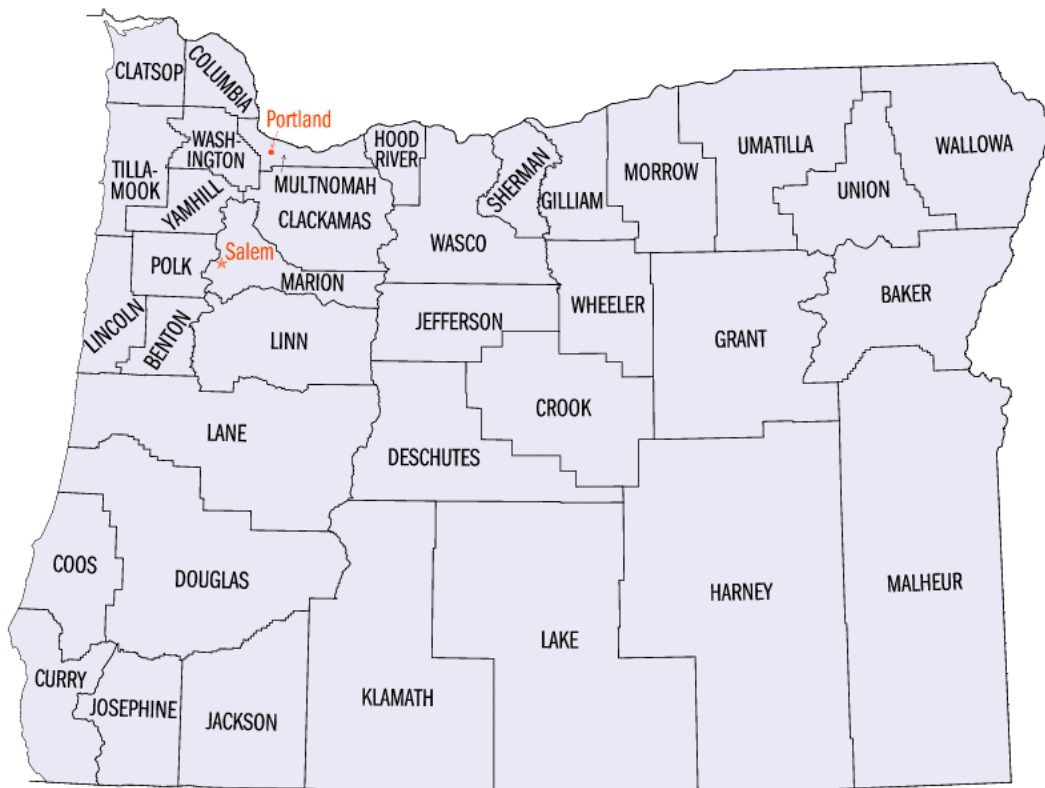
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Portland, Oregon

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Portland, Oregon**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population (2000 Census): 529,121
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 75.5% white; 6.5% black/African American; 0.9% American Indian/Alaska Native; 6.3% Asian; 0.4% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 3.5% two or more races; 6.8% Hispanic/Latino (any race)
- The majority (99.6%) of the Portland population resides in Multnomah County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Vera Katz<sup>2</sup>
- City Commissioners: Jim Francesconi, Randy Leonard, Dan Saltzman, and Erik Sten<sup>3</sup>
- Portland Police Bureau Chief of Police: Mark A. Kroeker<sup>4</sup>
- Portland Police Bureau, Commander of Drugs and Vice Division: Captain Cliff Madison<sup>5</sup>
- Multnomah County Sheriff: Bernie Giusto<sup>6</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>7</sup>  
Designated in 1999, the Oregon HIDTA is responsible for 7 counties in Oregon, including Portland's Multnomah County.

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Portland:<sup>8</sup>  
Since Drug-Free Communities funds were first available in FY 1998, only one Portland coalition has received funding. In FY 2002, the Asian/Pacific American Consortium on Substance Abuse received \$100,000.
- FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary Funds awarded to Portland grantees:<sup>9</sup>
  - Center for Mental Health Services:
    - \$254,063 to Multnomah County; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/05
    - \$390,414 to Multnomah County; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
    - \$299,703 to Oregon Health and Science University; project period: 9/1/02-8/31/05
    - \$149,990 to Lewis and Clark College; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/04
  - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:
    - \$349,857 to Oregon Partnership; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/03
    - \$349,637 to Oregon Partnership; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/03
    - \$400,000 to Insights Teen Parent Program; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
  - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment:
    - \$399,941 to RMC Research Corporation; project period: 9/30/00-9/29/03
    - \$50,000 to Oregon Health and Science University; project period: 6/3/02-6/2/03

- \$649,980 to Oregon Health and Science University; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/06
- \$500,000 to African American Health Coalition, Inc.; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/07
- \$397,165 to Oregon Health and Science University; project period: 9/30/00-9/29/04
- \$399,953 to Oregon Health and Science University; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
- \$571,712 to Central City Concern; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
- \$128,409 to Oregon Health and Science University; project period: 3/31/02-3/30/03
- \$415,772 to Multnomah County; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
- \$480,001 to Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>10</sup>  
Four areas in Portland (Albina, Rockwood, Southeast, and Multnomah County) have been officially recognized as Weed and Seed sites.
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs & Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts for Portland:<sup>11</sup>
  - \$4,999,032 in discretionary funds
  - \$1,744,943 in formula funds
- Portland did not receive funding from the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.<sup>12</sup>
- There were no Portland recipients of the FY 2002 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.<sup>13</sup>
- Portland did not receive any funding through the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.<sup>14</sup>

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- During 2000, the crime index total for Portland was 40,943.<sup>15</sup> This number increased to 43,183 in 2001. Preliminary data show that there were 43,327 index crimes known to the police in Portland during 2002.<sup>16</sup>

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Portland, 2000-2002

Offense	2000	2001	2002
Murder	19	21	20
Forcible rape	369	305	354
Robbery	1,446	1,267	1,294
Aggravated assault	3,864	2,963	2,844
Burglary	5,560	5,592	5,702
Larceny-theft	24,970	28,358	27,933
Motor vehicle theft	4,715	4,677	5,180
Arson	511	385	496
Crime index total	40,943	43,183	43,327

- Preliminary data for 2002 indicate that 66.3% of adult male arrestees and 67.0% of adult female arrestees in Portland tested positive for at least one of the following drugs at arrest: cocaine, heroin, marijuana, or methamphetamine.<sup>17</sup>

Percent of Adult Male Arrestees Testing Positive, Portland, 2002

Drug Type	Female	Male
Cocaine	28.4%	22.3%
Opiates	18.2	10.5
Marijuana	21.6	37.5
Methamphetamine	22.7	21.9
Any drug	67.0	66.3
Multiple drugs	27.3	27.7

- Additional Portland arrestee drug use data for 2002 indicate that 54% of the adult male arrestees used marijuana within the past year. Among those reporting past year marijuana use, the average number of days the drug was used in the past month was 8 days.<sup>18</sup>

Past Drug Use Among Adult Male Arrestees, Portland, 2002

Drug Use	Crack cocaine	Powder cocaine	Marijuana	Methamphet.	Heroin
Past 7 Days	11.4%	7.0%	36.6%	21.3%	8.9%
Past 30 Days	14.0%	10.2%	44.3%	24.9%	10.2%
Past Year	18.1%	17.1%	53.8%	30.0%	12.3%
Avg. # of days used in month	6.4	4.1	8.0	6.6	9.3

- Approximately 49% of Portland adult female arrestees reported past year use of marijuana. The average number of days the drug was used in the past month was 7.3.<sup>19</sup>

Past Drug Use Among Adult Female Arrestees, Portland, 2002

Drug Use	Crack cocaine	Powder cocaine	Marijuana	Methamphet.	Heroin
Past 7 Days	17.6%	4.7%	22.1%	21.4%	12.0%
Past 30 Days	19.8%	8.1%	33.7%	27.1%	14.3%
Past Year	30.0%	11.1%	48.9%	33.3%	18.9%
Avg. # of days used in month	10.7	7.9	7.3	8.3	10.9

- During 2000, the Drugs and Vice Division of the Portland Police Bureau made 63 arrests involving crack cocaine.<sup>20</sup>

Number of Arrests, Portland Drugs and Vice Division, 2000

Powder cocaine	Crack cocaine	Heroin	Methamphetamine	Dried marijuana	Marijuana plants
18	63	43	51	27	22

- The Drugs and Vice Division conducted 119 drug-related consent searches during 2000.<sup>21</sup>

#### Drugs and Vice Division, Drug-Related Activity, Portland, 2000

Type of Activity	
Search warrants	120
Consent searches	119
Arrests	331
Crack house search warrants	22
Methamphetamine labs investigated	66
Marijuana grows investigated	35
Drug house complaint follow-ups	44

- A 2000 report indicates that the number of addresses generating drug house complaints in Portland decreased 36% in the past five years.<sup>22</sup>

#### Drugs

- The majority of marijuana available in Portland is cultivated in home grow operations. Canadian and domestic marijuana in the Portland area is available in multi-pound amounts.<sup>23</sup>

#### Juveniles

- In Multnomah County, 8.9% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders surveyed in 2000 reported using marijuana within the 30 days prior to being surveyed.<sup>24</sup>

#### Percentage of Past Month Drug Use, by Grade, Multnomah County, 2000

Drug Type	11 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Alcohol	33.3%	24.0%	5.5%
Marijuana	8.9	7.3	0.6
Inhalants	4.1	3.7	5.4
Cigarettes	13.4	10.9	2.5
Smokeless tobacco	8.2	3.6	0.8
Stimulants	0.0	0.5	0.0
Narcotics	0.0	0.0	0.3
Cocaine	0.0	0.5	0.3
Psychedelics	0.0	1.8	0.3
Tranquilizers	2.8	1.4	0.6

#### Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 1,391 full-time law enforcement employees in Portland (1,054 officers and 337 civilian personnel).<sup>25</sup>
- The Portland Police Bureau's Drugs and Vice Division is made up of 55 personnel.<sup>26</sup>

- **Portland Police Bureau Drug-Related Initiatives:**
  - **National Guard Partnership<sup>27</sup>**  
In the summer of 1999, guidelines were established for the Oregon National Guard to support the Portland Police Bureau in approved counterdrug missions. Services provided by the Oregon National Guard include counterdrug coordination, technical support, training, and drug demand reduction support.
  - **Portland Drug House Program<sup>28</sup>**  
The primary responsibility of this Portland Police Bureau initiative is to identify and eliminate chronic nuisance drug house locations in Portland. If a specific address receives multiple complaints and the drug house officer verifies the complaint, a warning letter is sent to the occupant and the property owner. If the allegations are true, an agreement is entered between the Police Bureau and the person responsible for the property, outlining a plan of action for the property.
  - **Drug Investigation Unit<sup>29</sup>**  
The primary objective of this unit is to conduct investigations with the purpose of arresting drug dealers and seizing assets acquired through illegal means. The primary focus of the enforcement effort of this unit is directed towards mid-level (wholesale) drug dealers. However, investigations also include focusing on street-level dealers, shutting down crack houses, and arresting kilogram level dealers.
  - **Marijuana Task Force<sup>30</sup>**  
Formed in 1995, the task force's primary objectives are the investigation and interdiction of marijuana grow operations. The task force has developed an extraordinary level of expertise in detecting marijuana grows.
- **Special Investigations Unit<sup>31</sup>**  
The purpose of this Multnomah County Sheriff's Office initiative is to investigate illegal drug activity in the Portland metropolitan area.

### **Trafficking and Seizures**

- Heroin typically is transported overland to Portland via the 1-5 corridor from source cities in Mexico through traffickers in California.<sup>32</sup>
- During 2000, the Drugs and Vice Division of the Portland Police Bureau seized drugs valued at nearly \$10 million.<sup>33</sup>

Amount of Drugs Seized, Portland, 2000

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Powder cocaine	9,173
Crack cocaine	834
Heroin	3,207
Methamphetamine	1,161
Dried marijuana	21,660
Marijuana plants	951
Value of drugs seized	\$9,888,978.25

- The Drugs and Vice Division also seized 43 vehicles during 2000.<sup>34</sup>

#### Number of Items Seized, Portland, 2000

Item	Amount Seized
Vehicles	43
Cash	\$338,789.00
Guns	111
Boats	0
Real estate	1

#### Courts

##### ➤ Drug Courts<sup>35</sup>

As of May 2003, there was one drug court that had been operating for over two years and two drug courts that had recently been implemented in Portland. There were no drug courts being planned.

#### Corrections

##### ➤ From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, there were 1,179 prison admissions in Multnomah County.<sup>36</sup>

##### ➤ Random drug test results for inmates at Portland's Columbia River Correctional Institution show that none of the inmates tested in October 2002 tested positive.<sup>37</sup>

#### Consequences of Use

##### ➤ During 2001, there were 117 drug-related deaths reported to the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) by Medical Examiners (ME) in Multnomah County.<sup>38</sup>

#### Number of ME Drug Mentions and Deaths, Multnomah County, 1997-2001

Drug category	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Alcohol-in-combination	66	62	68	49	45
Cocaine	38	45	54	44	38
Heroin/morphine	98	104	125	84	70
Marijuana	--	--	--	--	--
Amphetamines	4	3	13	3	14
Methamphetamine	4	5	3	--	11
Club drugs	--	--	--	1	--
Hallucinogens	--	--	1	--	--
Inhalants	--	1	--	--	--
Narcotic analgesics	8	10	19	16	31
Other analgesics	2	--	3	--	2
Benzodiazepines	3	7	5	1	7
Antidepressants	15	5	16	16	25
All other substances	7	6	16	28	21
Total drug abuse deaths	127	129	162	119	117
Total drug mentions	245	248	323	242	264

##### ➤ During 2001, the Oregon State Medical Examiner Division of the State Police reported 98 drug-related deaths in Multnomah County.<sup>39</sup>

- Heroin was mentioned 71 times in the Multnomah County drug-related deaths during 2001.<sup>40</sup>

#### Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Multnomah County, 2001

Drug Type	# of Deaths
Heroin	71
Cocaine	38
Methamphetamine	19
Combinations	26
Total	98

#### Treatment

- Approximately 38% of Portland adult male arrestees interviewed during 2002 reported that they have received inpatient/residential treatment at some point in their lives.<sup>41</sup>

#### Adult Male Arrestee Drug or Alcohol Treatment Status, Portland, 2002

Type of Treatment	Male	Female
Outpatient		
Ever	38.0%	34.4%
Past year	12.8	17.8
Inpatient/residential		
Ever	37.9	45.1
Past year	10.5	11.1

- According to the 1999 Household Treatment Needs Survey in Oregon, 33,992 persons in Clackamas County; 93,739 persons in Multnomah County; and 41,238 persons in Washington County were in need of alcohol or other drug treatment services.<sup>42</sup>
- Turning Point<sup>43</sup>  
This residential therapeutic community located at the Columbia River Correctional Institution in Portland involves two separate programs. There is a 50-bed program for men and a 50-bed program for woman, each having its own facility. These programs are very intense and provide many hours of treatment each week and arrange for aftercare once the inmate has been released. Targeting those individuals with severe alcohol or drug problems and established patterns of criminal behavior, these programs emphasize the following:
  - alcohol/drug education and treatment
  - modifying criminal thinking and lifestyles
  - improving family-related problems
  - independent living skills training
  - linkage to aftercare
- In Focus<sup>44</sup>  
This pre-release day treatment program also located at the Columbia River Correctional Institution provides 15 hours each week of classes and groups to prepare



inmates for drug-free post prison living. This program is geared towards women and also emphasizes parenting skills training.

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